

Application No. 09/714,332
Attorney Docket No. 10236
Amendment dated December 18, 2003
Reply to Advisory Action of November 14, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 26 and 30-47 remain pending in this Application.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Ahmed to their attorney, Dean Simmons, in the telephonic interview on December 4, 2003. In that interview, viscosities of silicone gums were discussed. In connection with the November 14, 2003 Advisory Action, amending the claims to recite a silicone gum viscosity range was discussed. Specifically, it was proposed that certain claims be amended to recite that the viscosity of the silicone gum is greater than one million centistokes to enhance the clarity of the claims. Examiner Ahmed stated she would consider such claims if submitted with amendments after the Final Rejection.

Submitted herewith are claim amendments reciting that the viscosity of the silicone gum in all claims, except claim 34, is at least one million centistokes. Support for this recital is found on page 8, lines 1-3.

Entry of these amendments and reconsideration of the claims in view thereof is earnestly requested.

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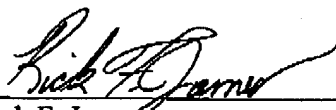
Conclusion

Consistent with the foregoing, Applicants' claims 26 and 30-47 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of these claims with an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

It is believed that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. However, should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below so that all matters may be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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